

House of Representatives.
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has receded from House Amendments to—

Senate Bill No. 70:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors and widows of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 70, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Law moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs Adams, Baker, Blitch, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th, Wadsworth and Williams—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Monday's Journal was corrected to show that Senate Bill No. 189 was introduced by Mr. Crill instead of Mr. Crews.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Blitch:

Senate Bill No. 203:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the arrangement of the entrances and interior of saloons and other places where spirituous, vinous and malt liquors are sold and dispensed.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

By Mr. Broome:

Senate Bill No. 204:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act making incurable insanity a ground for divorce of husband and wife, and regulating proceedings in such cases, approved April 25, 1901.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Immigration.

By Mr. Crill:

Senate Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. C. Hargrove, former tax collector of Putnam county, Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Miller:

Senate Bill No. 206:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4032, Laws of Florida, the same being an act entitled "an act in relation to obtaining money or any other other personal property under false promises, or for violation of contracts, and providing penalties therefor," approved June 8, 1891.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of W. M. Webb.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate \$20,000.00 to be used for the payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats, of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have title to the same confirmed in the State of Florida for the use of the State Board of Health.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 209:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the city of Pensacola to levy a special tax for the support of a Free Public Library, and to authorize said city to enter into an obligation for the support thereof.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 210:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the Home for Disabled Confederate Soldiers and Sailors.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 126:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time limit for the commencement and completion of the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railway.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 126, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Blitch, Acting Chairman of the Committee on En-grossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 166:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2218, 2219, 2223 and 2225, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to insurance and surety companies.

Have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

N. A. BLITCH,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 166, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains by the several counties of the State of Florida, and to provide for the assessments of the costs thereof against the collection and enforcement of such assessments, and to legalize all contracts for drains which heretofore may have been entered into, and assessments made therefor, made by the County Commissioners of any county in the State of Florida, under Chapter 4807 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to revive, continue and extend the charter of the Ladies' Village Improvement Association, of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act to authorize the County of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and draw bridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Large, approved May 25, 1895, being Chapter 4443 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College, and appropriating money for the equipping of such gymnasium.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Have examined the same and found them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 202:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 582 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the per diem of County Commissioners.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 202, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 192:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for issuing in manu-

script form bonds of the State of Florida, payable to the Educational Funds of the State for the purpose of refunding bonds already issued, at a lower rate of interest, and to provide for the disposition of the bonds and money now in the Sinking Funds of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 192, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 189:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the capture of fish in the waters of the State of Florida, and to protect the fish, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass with the following amendments:

In Section 3, line 2, after the word "any," add the word "shad."

At the end of Section 3, add the words "for the purpose of catching shad fish."

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 189, contained in the above report, together with the amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 42:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the jurisdiction of County Judges' courts, and to provide for Justices of the Peace issuing warrants returnable thereto, and to repeal Section 2847 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the jurisdiction of County Judge's courts.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 42, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wilson of 7th, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 152:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1780 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to writs of error to judgments in cases of habeas corpus.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. C. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee

And House Bill No. 152, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901..

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains by the several counties of the State of Florida, and to provide for the assessments of the costs thereof against the property benefitted thereby, and further to provide for the collection and enforcement of such assessments, and to legalize all contracts for drains which heretofore may have been entered into, and assessments made therefor, made by the County Commissioners of any county in the State of Florida, under Chapter 4807 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to revive, continue and extend the charter of the Ladies' Village Improvement Association, of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act to authorize the County of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and draw bridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Large, approved May 25, 1895, being Chapter 4443 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College, and appropriating money for the equipping of such gymnasium.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Have examined the same and found them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. M. N. PEACOCK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signature of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Butler, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 134:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to county school levy.

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

P. W. BUTLER,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 134, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Butler, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 119:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize cities and towns of over five hundred inhabitants to pass and enforce ordinances to compel stationary steam engineers to pass an examination for licenses, and to take out licenses, affixing penalty for failure thereof; to compel the inspection of steam boilers, except locomotive and marine boilers, and to compel employers to employ only licensed stationary engineers, affixing a penalty for failure thereof and to compel employers, their managers or servants, to allow inspection of boilers, affixing a penalty for the failure thereof.

Have carefully examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,
P. W. BUTLER,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 119, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains by the several counties of the State of Florida, and to provide for the assessments of the costs thereof against the property benefitted thereby, and further to provide for the collection and enforcement of such assessments, and to legalize all contracts for drains which heretofore may have been entered into, and assessments made therefor, made by the County Commissioners of any county in the State of Florida, under Chapter 4807 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act to revive, continue and extend the charter of the Ladies' Village Improvement Association, of Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal an act entitled "an act to authorize the County of Monroe to bond itself in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing a public highway and necessary trestling and draw bridges to connect the island of Key West with Key Large, approved May 25, 1895, being Chapter 4443 of the Laws of Florida.

Also,

A Joint Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation to the Florida Agricultural College, and appropriating money for the equipping of such gymnasium.

Florida.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors and wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,
J. M. N. PEACOCK,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to limit the powers of cities and towns in levying, imposing and collecting occupation or license taxes.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it pass the Senate, with the following Committee amendments:

First, strike out the words "one-half" in line 5 of Section 1.

Second, strike out the word "fifty" in last line of Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "One hundred."

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 181, contained in the above report, together with the amendments, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 173:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 591 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the issue of bonds by counties.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 174:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled "an act prohibiting the granting by municipalities of franchises or rights to use streets for certain purposes for any term exceeding thirty years, or without reserving the right at and after the expiration of such term to purchase

property used under such franchise or right," approved June 2, 1899.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and would recommend that they be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 173 and 174, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Pensacola to issue negotiable bonds for certain municipal purposes, and to provide a Board of Bond Trustees.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 201:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section six (6), Chapter 4878, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1899, entitled "an act to repeal Chapter 4506, Acts of A. D. 1895, Laws of Florida, and to confirm, amend and supplement the municipal corporation of the town of Green Cove Springs, Florida, and to give it certain powers and privileges.

Also,

House Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Melrose, Florida.

Beg leave to report that we have had same under consideration, and recommend that the said bills be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 193, 201, and House Bill No. 228, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the municipality of Palatka to issue bonds and to provide for the payment thereof.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 199:

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act entitled an act to abolish the present corporation of the town of Plant City, Florida, and to establish a municipal government for said town, approved May 20, 1893, and amended June 2, 1899.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that they be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 194 and 199 contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 168:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act approved May 27, 1899, and entitled "an act to enable the city of Tallahassee to exercise the powers provided by Chapter 460 of the Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to enable cities and towns to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity, and to con-

struct, purchase, lease and establish and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same, as herein provided," approved June 5, 1897; and to declare the manner in which such city may exercise such power," and also to authorize said city to locate, maintain and operate any part of such plant without and adjacent or near to said city, and to acquire and hold land necessary for such purpose.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. HUNT HARRIS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 168, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. MacWilliams, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

House Joint Resolution No. 199:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it be passed by the Senate.

Very respectfully,

W. A. MacWILLIAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And House Joint Resolution No. 199, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. MacWilliams, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Relief of Supreme and Circuit Courts, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on relief of Supreme and Circuit Courts, to whom was referred—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1:

Proposing amendments to Sections 2 and 4 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and recommend that it do pass.

Also,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4:

Joint Resolution proposing to amend Article V of the Constitution of the State of Florida, referring to Judicial Department.

And recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. A. MACWILLIAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 1 and 4, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Fisheries, to whom was referred—Senate Bill No. 47:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4788 of the Laws of the State of Florida, entitled an act to prohibit fishing in the fresh water lakes of this State with seines or nets or by any set device, or by shooting or gigging, approved June 3, 1899.

Have had the same under consideration, together with the Senate amendment, and herewith submit a substitute therefor with the following title:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the taking of food fish in the waters of the State of Florida, to be designated by the Board of County Commissioners of each county, and to provide for the punishment of persons violating the same.

And recommend the passage of the substitute.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 47, contained in the above report, together with the substitute, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

A message was received from the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The motion of Mr. Sams made yesterday, to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 156 passed Monday last.

Was taken up.

Mr. Sams moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 156 passed.

Which was not agreed to.

The notice of Mr. McCreary, given yesterday, that he would to-day move to reconsider the vote by which Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 failed to pass.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 failed to pass.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 87 was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

Senate Bill No. 163:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning fire insurance policies.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 163 was informally passed.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 96:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Florida, in relation to the Legislature.

Was taken up.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 96 was informally passed.

House Bill No. 154:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 6, 9, 14 and 45 of Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for service as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein; and to repeal Article 2, entitled Volunteer Militia, and Article 3, entitled Florida State Troops, of Chapter 1 of Title VIII, of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce

the discipline, approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891, and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps, approved June 2, 1893.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 154 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 154 was read a second time by its title only.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 154 be read a third time in full and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 154 was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 7th and Williams—22.

Nays—Messrs. Miller and McCaskill—2.

So House Bill No. 154 passed, title as stated.

The following communication from the Governor was read:

State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, April 30, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer:

President of the Senate:

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that I have this day approved and signed the following acts, which originated in your Honorable Body, and I have this day caused the same to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

An act to amend Sections 37 and 57 of Chapter 4869, being an act entitled "an act to abolish the present municipal government of the City of Lakeland, in the County of Polk and State of Florida, and to establish, organize and constitute a municipality to be known and designated as Lakeland, and to define its territorial boundary and to provide for its jurisdiction, powers and privileges.

Also,

An act to authorize the County of Monroe to issue bonds, for the purpose of purchasing sites for public schools and armory, erecting substantial buildings thereon, repairing the County Court House, and building a County Road upon the Island of Key West.

Very respectfully,
W. S. JENNINGS,
Governor.

The following communication from the Governor was read
State of Florida, Executive Department,
Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1901.

Hon. Thomas Palmer,

President of the Senate:

Dear Sir—In compliance with Chapter 4675, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1899, I beg to transmit, herewith, a report of Hon. R. A. Shine and Hon. George Greenhow, State Agents, appointed by my predecessor, Hon. W. D. Bloxham, to make a complete and exhaustive examination of the Tax Sale Certificates and certified list of land now held by the State of Florida, and make a complete list of those that may be defective, to deliver such list to the Comptroller, and report the findings to the next Legislature together with such recommendations as seem to him best concerning them, and submit briefly report of findings and recommendations:

I find from an examination of this Law and the report transmitted herewith;

First. That there are about 260,000 Certificates held by the State, and that "to make a complete and exhaustive examination" of them serves no purpose.

Second. That to "make a complete list of those that may be defective," is a mere opinion without any record as a guide, or test as to regularity or validity without authority to determine the question of regularity or validity, or otherwise to dispose of the certificates and can be but a fruitless task.

Third. That the list of said certificates is an endless undertaking should the system remain accumulative as it is; for the reason as shown by the report transmitted herewith, that other tax sales are made each year and which are transmitted to the Redemption Department here, and the listing would continue year after year.

Again, the list is only duplicating the records of the office, serves no purpose so far as the records of the present Redemption Department is concerned.

Fourth. I find that the certificates are being listed on suitable forms similar to that prescribed for the tax sale records and may be used as an inventory in transmitting the certificates to the various counties when properly verified, as it must be borne in mind that all redemptions and sales made subsequent to listing would have to be entered on the list to make a correct inventory or record. Otherwise the listing is without value to the State or counties.

Therefore, I recommend that a law be enacted as mentioned in my Message on this subject, returning these certificates to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the respective counties under proper statutory safeguards and regulations, and that provision be made for the speedy listing and transmission of all said certificates, and that Chapter 4675 be repealed.

In my opinion, this is one of the most important subjects calling for legislative action.

Respectfully,

W. S. JENNINGS, Governor

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30, 1901.

To His Excellency, William S. Jennings, Governor of Florida:

Sir—In obedience to your request the following report is respectfully submitted:

On January 15, 1900, by direction of Governor W. D. Bloxham, the work of making a complete and exhaustive examination of the tax sale certificates and certified lists of land held by the State of Florida, was begun by R. A. Shine, assisted at different times by W. V. Knott and George Greenhow.

The said certificates are in a room in the basement of the Capitol building and cover lands sold or certified to the State for non-payment of taxes for every year since 1877.

Owing to the constant handling of the certificates and the great number of them, they were found to be badly mixed and some time was consumed in assorting them and restoring them to their proper packages.

This being done, the laborious and difficult task of separating those considered defective from those considered good was begun and prosecuted with great care, making progress extremely slow. Every certificate had to be carefully examined and those considered regular and perfect on their face were properly grouped with reference to the land covered by them, while those considered defective were placed in separate packages, all being properly labeled and classified.

Before this was completed, the certificates made to the State at the tax sales in 1898 had matured in the State, under the Statute, and they were properly assorted, arranged and put into their proper places.

The certificates less than two years old are, under the law, being redeemed through the Clerks of the Circuit Court, and for convenience they still remain as they were sent up by the tax collectors.

After carefully examining each certificate with reference to its apparent validity and a proper assorting, arranging and labeling of them, the voluminous task of making lists of the certificates by counties was begun. In this list the number of the certificate, the date of the certificate, the face value of the certificate and the portion, if any, of every one sold or redeemed, with the remaining face value of the ones partially sold or redeemed, are given.

More than half of the certificates examined have now been listed, but in a month or two thousands of others will be received from the tax sales in the various counties and they become a part of the immense bulk now on hand.

It is estimated that the State now holds about 260,000 certificates and many more are received every year than are sold or redeemed, consequently the total number is steadily increasing.

The large number of certificates on hand, the lack of suitable and adequate places to keep them and the daily sales and redemptions made from among them necessitating constant handling and examination, make the task of securing a perfect list a more difficult one.

R. A. SHINE,
GEORGE GREENHOW.

Mr. Harris moved that the above communication be spread upon the Journal.

Which was agreed to.

Consideration of bills upon second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 137:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, approved June 3, 1893, (an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for service as a land force and enforce the discipline thereof.)

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 137 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 137 was read a second time by its title only.

And Senate Bill No. 137 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections Six (6), nine (9), fourteen (14), and forty-five (45), of Chapter 4684, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of corps of Volunteer Militia for service as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunteer Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia, and enforce the discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "an act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia, and enforce the discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Was taken up.

Mr. Wilson of 7th asked permission to withdraw Senate Bill No. 83.

Which was granted.

House Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 3, Chapter 4569, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to establish a Battalion of Naval Militia to be known as the First Naval Battalion of the State of Florida, approved June 4, 1897.

Was taken up.

Mr. O'Brien moved that House Bill No. 15 be placed on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 15:

A bill to be entitled an act making an appropriation for a cruise for instruction and for the transportation of the Naval Militia of the State of Florida for the years 1901 and 1902, and to provide for the other expenses necessary for the proper equipment, instruction and maintenance of the Florida Naval Militia.

Was taken up.

And Senate Bill No. 15 was informally passed.

Senate Bill No. 186:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the compensation of clerks of the Circuit Courts for attendance on Court, and for deposit of costs in all civil suits.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 186:

Strike out Section 2.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion to adopt the amendment.

Upon call of the roll—

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Blitch, Broome, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Harris, Miller, O'Brien, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Rouse, Wadsworth and Williams—16.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Butler, Crill, Law, Myers, MacWilliams, Neel, Rogers, Whidden, Sams and Wilson of 7th.—11.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Peacock offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 186:

Strike out the enacting clause.

Mr. Peacock moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 179:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize sheriffs to approve bonds of persons committed into their custody by committing magistrates and to fix their fees for the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

By striking out the following, same being Section 2 of said bill:

"That any sheriff approving a bond under the provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall receive from the person furnishing such bond the sum of fifty cents therefor, and he shall not be compelled to release such person from custody until his fee is paid."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 179, as amended, was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 18:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Taxation be, and it is hereby instructed, to report a finance and taxation bill to this Senate on or before May 15.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Harris withdrew the resolution.

By permission—

Mr. Harris introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 19:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriation be, and it is hereby instructed to report an appropriation bill to this Senate on or before May 15.

Which was read and laid over until the return of Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations.

Consideration of bills on second reading was resumed.

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2588, Revised Statutes of Florida, in regard to voluntary escape by an officer.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with the following committee amendment:

In the last line of Section 1, after the word "charged," add the following: "Provided, that in capital cases the punishment shall not be greater than twenty years."

Mr. Adams moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 172, as amended, was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for arrests without warrants.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 13 was placed on the Calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 62:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the taking, carrying away or concealing of the personal property of another with malicious or mischievous intent, but without intent to steal and prescribing a penalty for the same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Wilson of 7th moved that House Bill No. 62 be indefinitely postponed.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 183:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 5 of Chapter 4747, Laws of Florida, entitled an act prescribing the method

of obtaining permits to sell liquors, wines and beer in certain cases.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 183:

Strike out the words "four hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "two hundred and fifty."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Harris moved that Senate Bill No. 183 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCreary moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Baker, Blich, Broome, Butler, Carson, Cottrell, Crews, Crill, Denham, Harris, Kirk, Law, Miller, Myers, McCaskill, McCreary, MacWilliams, Neel, O'Brien, Palmer, 14th, Peacock, Rogers, Rouse, Whidden, Sams, Wilson of 4th, Wilson of 5th, Wadsworth and Williams.

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A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McCreary introduced the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 20:

Whereas, Hon. D. G. Purse, President of the Savannah Board of Trade, did, about April 27, present to each member of this body a copy of his very valuable work on "The Cultivation of Sugar Cane," therefore, be it